

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LITTLE MISS OCEAN CITY PAGEANT: SISTER SUCCESSION

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic put a halt to most of the traditions that we South Jerseyans enjoy, but now we're back, we're on track, and we're moving forward. The Little Miss Ocean City Pageant was able to make its long-awaited comeback this summer, and in typical South Jersey fashion, history was made. Prior to the pandemic, Antonella Di Antonio was crowned Little Miss Ocean City, but this year, in perfect comeback fashion, Antonella had the privilege of crowning her successor, her younger sister, Arianna. This isn't the first time that sisters won the coveted Little Miss Ocean City title, however, this is the first time, in the history of the O.C. pageant that one sister crowned the other. I want to congratulate both of them for making history, both in their community and in South Jersey as well. Congratulations to Arianna Di Antonio for being crowned this year's Little Miss Ocean City, a stellar accomplishment of which she should be proud. God Bless both of them and all the contestants of the Little Miss Ocean City Pageant, and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING SPECIALIST KEN TAYLOR, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DIS- TRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VET- ERAN COMMENDATION

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OF TEXAS

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In 1968, Dallas native, Ken Taylor, began his journey of service by enlisting in the United States Army. Following completion of basic training at Fort Polk, Taylor would later be stationed at Fort Bragg and Fort Hood where he was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division and the 1st Armed Division Artillery.

For his service, Specialist Taylor received the National Defense Service Medal.

Upon returning to civilian life, Ken obtained a position as the sports editor for the Grand Prairie Daily News. Despite the rigors of his job, he would also concurrently attend Eastfield College utilizing GI Bill benefits to earn his Associate's degree. In 1972, Mr. Taylor founded the Traveling Classic Bowling Association, the world's largest league, in order to give bowlers the opportunity to bowl in a well-organized traveling league with financial incentives. Ken would later go on to found marketing company, Outback Secrets International prior to his retirement.

Today, Ken volunteers tirelessly on behalf of area veterans through his involvement in several organizations. Taylor assists individuals in navigating the complexities of applying for veterans benefits through his work as a service officer for American Legion Post 321. Additionally, he is an active member of the Collin County Veterans Coalition (CCVC), where he was appointed to the Legislative Committee. In his role with CCVC Ken has advocated for property tax relief for disabled veterans in the State Legislature.

Ken and his wife, Sharon, are the proud parents of son, Kevin. Specialist Ken Taylor demonstrates the qualities of a patriot who has selflessly served our nation and continues to give back within our community.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Specialist Taylor for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

BRIAN BATZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brian Batz, an Adams 12 Board of Education member on his years of service to the Adams 12 School District.

Brian has been a Board Member of Adams 12 since 2015, and during his tenure, he served as Director of Ward 4. He previously served the Adams 12 community through the Thornton High School IB Parents Group as a board member. He also served as a flag football and soccer coach.

Brian's dedication to the Adams 12 community follows a history of him serving his community. He has served on the Thornton Citizen Police Academy, as a Thornton Water Ambassador, a IT/video/photo assistant to the Northglenn United Methodist Church, a board member for the Burgundy HOA community, and a Denver north photographer for the Rocky Mountain Cocker Rescue. In addition to his contributions to the community, he is a lov-

ing husband and devoted parent to three children.

His dedication to the Adams 12 School District and the larger community has been tremendous, and I extend gratitude for his service to the Adams 12 community and the great State of Colorado. I wish Brian Batz all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. JAMES CHARLIE LANE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Mr. James Charlie Lane of White Pine, Tennessee. J.C. was born on April 30, 1920 and celebrated his 101st birthday on April 30, 2021.

He was a Veteran of WWII and served in the Navy from March 1941 to August 1946. From 1940 to March 1941, he was an employee of the Civilian Conservation Corps in both Unicoi and the Sugarlands in his birth county, Sevier County.

He volunteered and joined the Navy in March 1941 and was assigned to the USS *Albatross*, where he would qualify as an electrician and would eventually be promoted to electrician first class. Volunteering for a new ship that was commissioned, he became a "plank owner" on the *Wasp* by being one of the original crewmen. By 1944, the *Wasp's* battles would include the islands of Marcus, Wake, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Leyte Gulf and the Japanese homeland. He arrived in Hawaii and then went to the Marshall Islands in May and saw his first action in the Marshall Islands as part of Admiral Halsey's fast carrier fleet at the Marianas. During his time in the Navy, he saw action in the European Theater, to the African Coast, to the Pacific Theater in the Philippines and the five-week long battle for Iwo Jima. His military service went on until almost a year after Armistice Day when Japan formally surrendered as his ship brought soldiers back from Italy and England. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer.

Upon returning to Tennessee, he settled in Sevier County for a short period, then upon getting a job at American Enka, he moved to White Pine in 1951. He retired from American Enka after thirty-six years.

J.C.'s legacy of love includes his marriage to his wife, Ruth, of forty-nine years until she passed in July 1992, and his children who are so proud of his service, Rita Lane Potter, and Betty Jo Lane Moore. He has three grandchildren and four great grandsons.

Madam Speaker, James Charlie Lane faithfully served his country under the most difficult situations possible, and all a WWII Veteran and member of the United States Navy, and I proudly honor his legacy and service to the United States of America.

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CHAD CALLAHAN—EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of presenting Chad Callahan his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Chad is a graduate of Ocean City High School and is currently studying physics at the University of South Carolina. Chad joined cub scouts in 2nd grade and has been active in the Scouts ever since. Chad's Eagle project was building benches for the local VFW to commemorate his grandfather along with all fallen soldiers. Not only did he commemorate our nation's greatest, but he also provided members a space to meet outside during the pandemic. This young man should be proud of his accomplishments and it was my honor to have the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Chad and God Bless America.

HONORING KENNETH FANNON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Kenneth Gene Fannon of Duffield in Scott County, Virginia, who passed away on October 10, 2021 at the age of 90. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Fannon. He was a veteran and a well-known community leader in Duffield.

Mr. Fannon was born in Lee County, Virginia on May 15, 1931. He was a graduate of Rye Cove High School and Whitney Business College. Mr. Fannon served in the United States Army as a Corporal during the Korean War. He later became the Commander of Chapter 250 of the Korean War Veteran's Association.

He was a trailblazer for community service activities and veterans' events in Scott County. Over the years, he also served as Scout Master and as a member of numerous local board of directors. He was often recognized for establishing Duffield Daze, Duffield's largest service event. He started it in 1981 as a way to give back to the community through a family-friendly affair that promoted town unity and local business support.

Every time I attended Duffield Daze, Mr. Fannon was there to welcome me. He often reached out to my office to advocate for veterans in the area. He greeted everyone with kindness and generosity. Mr. Fannon was a tireless volunteer that worked hard to make his community and country a better place. He was a staple of so many community endeavors. Mr. Fannon was esteemed by many and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Fannon was preceded in death by his parents, E.D. and Venus Fannon; brothers, Jack and Joe; and sister, Mary Allen. He is survived by his wife, Jean; son, Jack and wife Susan; daughter, Lori Green and husband Daniel; grandchildren, Ruston Fannon, Kevin Wade, and Leslie Guy; great-grandsons, Jackson Guy and Mason Wade; sister, June Fannon, and sister-in-law, Helen Lane. I offer

them my condolences on the loss of this good man.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT GERALD SCHLOSSER, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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Gerald Schlosser was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey, only about a mile from the World Trade Center. Growing up, Gerald was strongly influenced by his uncle, a firefighter for the New York/New Jersey Port Authority and a First Responder to the 9/11 attacks, who instilled in him a sense of duty and service. In 2003, while playing college baseball, Schlosser felt called to enlist in the United States Army. Following Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Schlosser was deployed to combat operations in the Global War on Terrorism. He would complete multiple combat deployments to the Middle East, holding positions including rifleman, team leader, and squad leader.

For his efforts, Sergeant Schlosser would earn the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 Campaign Stars, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Additionally, Schlosser was awarded a Purple Heart following the rocket ambush of his team's Humvee in Afghanistan during which time he rescued his fellow injured soldiers from the wreckage, sustaining multiple gunshot wounds from enemy fighters.

Following his retirement in 2013, Schlosser began a career as a firefighter, working his way up to Captain in the New Llano Fire Department. He went on to earn his paramedic license and board certification as a Tactical Combat Casualty Care Provider and instructor. His love for Tactical Medicine and desire to become a SWAT medic led him to the Police Academy and a position with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office. Today, Officer Schlosser serves the City of Princeton as a patrol officer, Field Training Officer, Instructor, and Drug Recognition Expert. Sergeant Gerald Schlosser has served our nation and community with distinction and we are honored to recognize him with this award.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Sergeant Schlosser for his exceptional service and con-

gratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

MAYOR GARY GIBERSON

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, "thank you" are two words that will never be enough to say to a man like Mayor Giberson and his devotion to public service. Mayor Gary Giberson exemplifies what it means to be a public servant. Mayor Giberson began as a volunteer firefighter in 1953; the Scout Master of Troop 61 until 1989, and Mayor of Port Republic from 1985 until April 2021. 36 years as an elected official is certainly telling of a man's character, and even more, it's indicative of a respective constituency's pulse. Mayor Giberson truly did keep the Mayberry "feel" relevant, in the City of Port Republic. His tenure in office and the accolades that seemed to flow in naturally over the course of thirty-six years, has not, and will never go unnoticed. I thank Mayor Giberson for his unwavering dedication and devotion to public service and to the City of Port Republic. God Bless Mayor Giberson, and God Bless America.

TRIBUTE TO DON CHILDERS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to wish my good friend, Don Childers from Letcher County, Kentucky a very Happy 90th Birthday.

Don has been a close friend over the years, becoming one of my earliest and strongest political allies in the coalfields of Kentucky's Appalachian region. He has led a remarkable career in the oil industry after starting from humble beginnings in Hellier, Kentucky.

Hard work and determination have defined his storied lifetime. Don put himself through college by driving a coal truck, earning \$13.05 per day. He earned an associate degree from Pikeville College in 1952 and a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Kentucky in 1954. That same year, Don was drafted into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany, leaving behind his wife and newborn daughter. After fulfilling the call of duty, he returned to Hellier High School in 1956, where he accepted a job as a teacher and basketball coach. Education, however, became the shortest term of his career.

Six weeks into his new job as a teacher and coach, Don was offered a job with Gulf Oil Corporation as a Territory Manager, spanning 22 counties in southeastern Kentucky. Working with some of the best operators in the region, Don quickly learned the ropes of the petroleum business, leading to speedy promotions within the company. Ten years after working for the Gulf Oil Corporation, Don